## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 93-023-R - ORDER NO. 93-496

JUNE 8, 1993

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric ) ORDER
& Gas Company for Adjustments in the CLARIFYING
Company's Coach Fares and Charges, ORDER NO. 92-929
Routes, and Route Schedules.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the letter from the South Carolina Legal Services Association requesting clarification of our Order No. 92-929 which involves the bus service presently provided by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G).

The letter noted that there are a number of low-income disabled riders who are dependent on SCE&G's Dial a Ride Transportation (DART) service currently made available through SCE&G. In our Order No. 92-929 in this Docket, SCE&G was to continue to provide service to individuals who were already being served by the DART's service, even if the federally mandated area changed. South Carolina Legal Services Association notes that this results in DART servicing certain individuals in the Lakeside and Woods Edge communities of Harbison, but not serving other disabled individuals within the same apartment complexes. South Carolina Legal Services Association is requesting clarification as to whether or not all disabled individuals living in these housing

communities are entitled to the continued transportation service provided by DART.

An examination of Order No. 92-929 does seem to indicate that under the terms of that Order, individuals only were grandfathered into the DART service area, and not areas. However, upon consideration of this matter, this Commission is of the opinion that all handicapped individuals in the Lakeside and Woods Edge areas of Harbison should be served. As a practical matter, it does not make sense for DART to serve only specific individuals in these complexes, and not other disabled individuals. Therefore, we believe that all residents in these two handicapped communities should have DART service available to them.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. DART service shall be provided upon request to any handicapped individual living in the Lakeside and Woods Edge communities in the Harbison area.
- 2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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